

[AFCD and Shenzhen Customs sign co-operation arrangements to strengthen quarantine and clearance for horse racing \(with photos\)](#)

To further strengthen co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong in quarantine and customs clearance arrangements of horses, forage feed and biological products, the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation, Mr Mickey Lai, today (October 31) signed the Co-operation Arrangement on Strengthening Quarantine Clearance for Horse Racing with the Director General in Shenzhen Customs District, Mr Zheng Jugang. The Acting Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Food), Ms Ivy Law, also attended the signing ceremony.

Horses currently can travel between Hong Kong and the Equine Disease Free Zone in Conghua in Guangzhou through the Shenzhen Bay Port. The Co-operation Arrangement established the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Port as a backup port for cross-border horse transport, further enhancing horse transport arrangements between the two places.

Mr Lai said, "The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department expresses gratitude to Shenzhen Customs for supporting the establishment of the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Port as a backup port for cross-border horse transport. This will further improve cross-border horse transport and ensure that horses can travel between Guangdong and Hong Kong safely and conveniently."

Under the Co-operation Arrangement, both parties will regularly inform each other through a liaison mechanism of the quarantine and regulatory status of horses, forage feed, biological products, vehicles, etc; use a one-stop inspection platform to carry out port inspections; and jointly organise academic exchanges, technical exchanges, work seminars, and business training, with a view to promoting the development of the equine industry in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

